June 24, 1987

TO: File

FROM: Frank Filas, Reclamation Engineer

RE: Site Inspection, East Canyon Mine - SMO/037/054(new file),

Murphy Mining Company

On June 2, 1987 Frank Filas of the Division and Jerry Mansfield of State Lands and Forestry discovered a small mine operation in East Canyon (Section 25, T315, R24E). It is located just north of D0E/037/027, which is on a state lease.

The site consists of two areas. The southern area straddles the section line (sections 36 and 25) and consists of an open decline, pad area, and a waste dump on the side of the mesa. There are large cuts on either side of the decline with associated waste piles. There are two junked vehicles on site (a van with 1978 Utah tags and a Chevy Monza with 1985 Wyoming tags) and a considerable amount of mine related trash. Total disturbance is approximately three acres, but it is apparent, judging by the vegetation, that much of this disturbance is old and probably prelaw.

The second site is located just to the north and consists of a short access road, a narrow pad area, two portals, and small waste piles below each portal. Total surface disturbance is probably one acre.

The mine is operated by Murphy Mining Company. A Notice of Intent has never been submitted to either the Division or the Bureau of Land Management. Mr. Nick Murphy was contacted by phone (259-5290). He stated that he was unaware of the filing requirements. He also said that he was using the van for parts storage and the abandoned Chevy did not belong to him.

 $\mbox{\rm Mr.}$ Murphy was asked to keep the site in a cleaner fashion and to complete the filing requirements.

14 pictures

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cc: Lowell Braxton, Administrator
Jerry Mansfield, State Lands
Dan Netcher, B.L.M. - San Juan Resource Area





